

In re: Conkle et al.  
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**Amendments to the Specification.**

Please replace the indicated paragraph from the specification with the following rewritten paragraph in which new material is indicated by underlining.

Paragraph at page 5, lines 14-25:

When a salt flotation process is used, an admixture of the unpurified encysted protozoa and the salt is prepared. Suitable salt solutions include dense solutions of water soluble salts including chlorides, sulfates, phosphates, nitrates, and acetates of ammonium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and zinc. Suitable highly hydrogen-bonded organics including urea and the salts of guanidine. Preferably, the salts include sodium sulfate, sodium chloride, magnesium sulfate, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, and mixtures thereof. More preferably, the salt is sodium sulfate. These salts provide the benefit of being significantly less corrosive to the process equipment. The salt is added in an amount sufficient to produce a difference between the specific gravities of the encysted protozoa and the admixture. Preferably, the specific gravity of the encysted protozoa will be less than the specific gravity of the admixture. The salt is present in an amount from about 3 to about 30 weight percent, preferably about 14 to about 20 weight percent, more preferably about 20 weight percent.